

## Asher, Audrey

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**From:** Gravatt, Dan  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2013 2:28 PM  
**To:** Hood, Rich; Tapia, Cecilia; Hammerschmidt, Ron  
**Cc:** Singletary, DeAndre; Asher, Audrey  
**Subject:** West Lake: Draft suggested bullets for OSWER to respond to citizen concerns

As per Rich's request, here are some suggested bullets for OSWER's use:

- Information available to EPA continues to indicate that the subsurface smoldering event in the Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill is more than 1,000 feet away from the nearest radiologically-contaminated landfill cell at West Lake.
- EPA has no information indicating that the behavior of the subsurface smoldering event, or its direction of movement, has suddenly changed.
- Questions from the public on the subsurface smoldering event, particularly with respect to odor issues, should be referred to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, as they are the regulatory entity with responsibility for the Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill. (Provide contact info).
- The recent legal order from the Missouri Attorney General's office requires, in part, that the owner of the Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill develop contingency plans to ensure that the subsurface smoldering event does not reach the radiologically-contaminated landfill cells at West Lake.
- The radiologically-contaminated landfill cells at West Lake are fenced to prevent access, and groundwater at the site is not used for any purposes. Therefore, there are no pathways for people to be exposed to the radiological contaminants at the site.
- The report on the results of the ASPECT airborne radiation scan EPA conducted at West Lake in March of 2013 will be made available to the public by the end of May 2013.

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Principles and integrity are expensive, but they are among the very few things worth having.

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**From:** Hood, Rich  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2013 1:05 PM  
**To:** Gravatt, Dan  
**Subject:** FW: OSWER IO calls and emails about West Lake

Dan,

We need to develop some language in response to allegations referred to in Shawna's message. Reference to the fire..... etc. We can talk around the cc creek meeting if necessary.

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**From:** Bergman, Shawna  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 15, 2013 5:02 PM

**To:** Hood, Rich  
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy; Minter, Marsha; Tapia, Cecilia  
**Subject:** Re: OSWER IO calls and emails about West Lake

Thanks. We can coordinate tomorrow on who has left their contact information with our front office and possibly have a regional person return the call (or if we need an HQ person on the phone too we can probably arrange that).

Shawna Bergman  
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**From:** Hood, Rich  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 15, 2013 5:56:15 PM  
**To:** Bergman, Shawna  
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy; Minter, Marsha; Tapia, Cecilia  
**Subject:** RE: OSWER IO calls and emails about West Lake

Shawna,

We will get you a desk statement. Some of the persons who have contacted Mathy or others in OSWER DO want to talk with the region. We plan to chat with them after conferring with the regional administrator.

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**From:** Bergman, Shawna  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 15, 2013 4:54 PM  
**To:** Hood, Rich  
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy; Minter, Marsha; Tapia, Cecilia  
**Subject:** OSWER IO calls and emails about West Lake

Do you have a desk statement the region suggest we use on West Lake calls/emails that OSWER is receiving?

OSWER's front office just starting receiving calls from citizens wanting to talk to Mathy about West Lake landfill. (About 4 in the last hour from different folks.) We have also gotten a few emails to Mathy's email account that started about the same time.

According to Ms. Andrea Crouch (a member of the CAG) that I talked to, a Missouri official said that the fire is going to move into the northern part of the quarry where the radiation is, which is different than what EPA has said.

She does not want to talk to the region.

There are media stories from today reporting a settlement at the state level...

Republic Services Inc. will place a plastic cap on its Bridgeton landfill by early September to control foul odors and extinguish an underground fire, Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster announced Tuesday. Capping the landfill is part of an agreement between Koster and Republic filed Monday in St. Louis County Circuit Court. The attorney general sued Republic on March 27, alleging violations of state environmental laws.

Please let us know what you suggest.

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